

1 Sherbow, in this particular instance I think that he  
2 doesn't have command of all of the facts.

3 There are cases, and there are quite a few  
4 cases when the Board of Public Works must act and does  
5 act without a formal meeting, but with a telephone poll  
6 of members or other procedures. Let me give you one  
7 example that took place some years ago.

8 A very substantial bond sale had been set up  
9 by the State for a number of weeks. On the day of the  
10 sale the fiscal experts were gathered in Annapolis, they  
11 were able to get here but there was a big snow that day,  
12 and some of the members of the Board of Public Works  
13 couldn't be here. They were available on the telephone.  
14 What happened was that the bids for the bonds were  
15 received. They were found to be in order by counsel.  
16 Fiscal experts advised one member of the Board who was  
17 here that it was permissible to accept the bids. A  
18 telephone poll was taken of the other absent members, and  
19 their concurrence was obtained in that way. This is just  
20 one example of how the Board of Public Works sometimes has  
21 to function rapidly and yet not function in public.